

have received news they choose to conceal. I hope to have a letter from you tomorrow; there is no mortal in town that I can expect to hear from except yourself, as Lord Hertford and the Duke of Devonshire are both at Newmarket; by sending a letter to my porter I can receive it the next day, between the post and the stage coach.

I am most faithfully yours,

C. AILESBUURY

Be so good as to find out if there is any way of conveying a letter to the fleet.

TO LADY AILESBUURY, Friday 7 October 1757

Missing; answered in the following letter. It was sent by a servant.

FROM LADY AILESBUURY, Friday 7 October 1757

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Address: To the Honourable Horatio Walpole.

Friday, 3 o'clock.

Dear Mr Walpole,

I GIVE you a thousand thanks for the most agreeable of all news,¹ which to me was quite unexpected, as you may easily perceive by my last letter. I am thoroughly satisfied, and don't even covet any of the nasty French money.² I say no more because I won't keep your servant. I am more obliged to you than I can express.

Ever yours,

C. A.

1. Accounts of the return of the expedition to Portsmouth on the evening of the 6th reached London on the 7th (*Daily Adv.* 8 Oct.).

2. That is, a French prize. For the King's proclamation on the distribution of prizes captured, see Robert Beatson, *Naval and Military Memoirs of Great Britain*, 1804, iii. 104-6.